



### COVID-19 UPDATES

#### J T Killen State Farm Insurance Donates \$500 for Masks

Council Member Bradford delivered a check for \$500 from J T Killen State Farm Insurance Agency to support the City's mask distribution efforts. A 'thank you' letter was sent to Mr. Killen in appreciation of his support to keep our community safe throughout this pandemic.

#### Mask Distribution at City Hall

We continue distributing masks at City hall for residents. We were able to order 2,250 reusable masks through Amazon after City Council's approval. We used this graphic on the City website and social media to let folks know that they were available at City Hall. Disposable masks for businesses were also received and distribution has commenced through the City drive-thru window.



#### Covid-19 Testing Planned

Due to significant requests for additional testing sites, Affinity Health Center is altering the frequency of testing in York. They will dedicate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month as their testing date in York.

#### YPD Officer David Dover's Covid Story

A story of one of YPD's officer aired on WSOC TV describing his battle with Covid-19. Officer Dover was one of our employees who had recently fallen ill from the disease. Greg Suskin found the story from Dover's Facebook posts and followed up. Dover is doing well and should be returning to duty Monday.

<https://www.wsoc.tv/news/local/york-police-officer-god-remove-this-virus-me-or-remove-me/MJ5II7MZHBBZLIKPIXIG4QQGPIQ/>

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### Council Member Steve Love Participated in Democratic National Convention

Council Member Steve Love participated as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Due to Covid-19, the proceedings were held virtually instead of live in Milwaukee. A CN2 News story of his participation can be found here: <https://www.cn2.com/cn2-newscast-8-20-20/>

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### City Plans Fall Events

While it will be some time before things return to normal, staff are actively working on plans for events this fall. In September the City plans to host City Park's grand opening, in addition a Fall family friendly free movie series is being developed. The City is also actively planning Halloween events and a Christmas Tree Lighting event.

### PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

#### History of County Sanitation Rate Increases

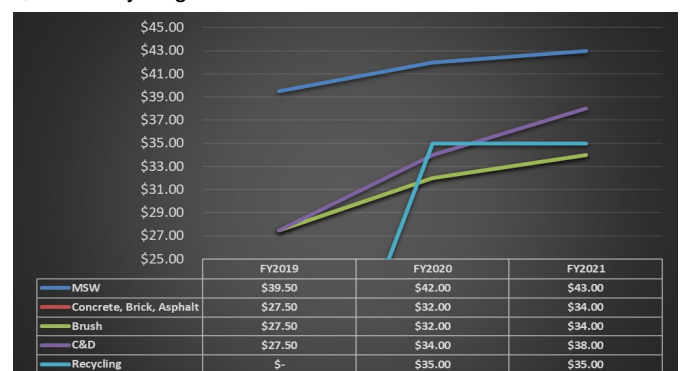
Recently Council discussed sanitation increases from York County this graph provides greater context regarding rate changes over time. In the chart below, you will see rate increases for the last three fiscal years by the County on dumping (tipping) fees. Included in the chart is Municipal Solid Waste; Concrete, Brick, Asphalt; Brush, C&D, and Recycling.

#### Material Recovery Facility

The York County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) has resumed full operations. The MRF is where we send our mixed recycling materials for processing. The County charges \$35 per ton for loads delivered to the MRF. This does not change our operations.

#### Commercial Truck Cab Replacement

Our 2002 Mack Commercial Garbage Truck will need a cab replacement due to age and wear and tear. On a recent trip to Columbia for hydraulic repairs, the windshield started coming in on the driver. The driver was able to pull over safely and move the windshield to the back of the truck. Due to the age and rust, a new windshield cannot be installed, instead the entire cab must be replaced. In looking around, we were only able to find one similar Mack cab in good condition. The repair will cost approximately \$24,200 and is both an emergency repair and sole source. Funding will come from some cost savings we have achieved in the budget from building improvement projects and modification to services. McMahon Truck Centers in Rock Hill will complete the repairs, which will take approximately 2-4 weeks. This is our back up commercial garbage truck, and with these repairs we hope to extend the life of the truck 3 to 5 years. Our primary truck will be paid off in approximately 3 years at which time we could replace the 2002 Mack.



#### HWY 5 and Ridgecrest Park Drive Water Break

This month there was an incident involving a boring contractor striking and damaging a 12 inch main off Hwy 5 in front of the American Legion building. Crews were able to isolate the area between the old water plant and Austen Lakes to make the repairs. While many residents experienced low pressure, Ridgecrest and Wellington neighborhoods were without water for a short period of time. Crews restored pressure to the area and flushed aggressively to release any air in the lines. We will be seeking a damage claim against the contractor for hitting our line.

### FINANCE / GRANTS / LOANS

#### Catawba COG Awarded \$9 million from CARES Act for Revolving Loan Fund

The Catawba COG received notice that it has been awarded \$9 million of CARES Act funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to capitalize a revolving loan fund to assist businesses in 29 SC counties. More information will be available soon. This was the largest award in the state and one of the largest in the southeastern United States.

Over the next two years, Catawba COG will lend this capital to businesses which have been impacted by COVID-19. Please contact Kathy Rice at (803) 981-2399 if you have any questions regarding this award. A link to the press release is below.

<https://www.eda.gov/news/press-releases/2020/07/29/sc.htm>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### York FD Truck to Enter Service Soon

YFD was notified that the truck ordered from this year's budget is ready for pickup. Staff picked up in Spartanburg. The new truck will replace an existing 2002 Chevy Silverado truck. It is scheduled to go to Meare's Body Shop for the lower red paint to match our fleet color scheme, then it will go to the graphics shop in NC for decaling. It will then go to the Motorola shop on Park Place for installation of all warning equipment. We hope to have this unit in service by the middle or end of September. The second vehicle was built last and should be available for pick up once it arrives at the dealer soon.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

York Police Department responded to a higher than usual number of thefts from vehicles. In each instance the vehicles were unlocked leaving access to cash and even a gun which were stolen. On 08/16 an officer spotted two elderly females walking on N. Congress Street and then onto Ross Cannon Street who appeared confused. The officer stopped and got out to check on the women and was able to determine that they were residents of Carolina Gardens Assisted Living and both had dementia and had walked away from the property unnoticed. One of the females was transported by EMS for medical issues and the other was returned to Carolina Gardens. Officers also responded to 2 separate drug overdoses, one a teenage female and the other a male in his mid 20's. Both were revived with Narcan.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### Façade Improvement Manual Meeting

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History has awarded a grant to the City to create façade design standards for properties in our Historic Downtown. The grant will also facilitate a façade grant program to encourage and support private rehabilitation efforts in the downtown area. On July 10th, City staff conducted an informative conference call with JMT to kick off our efforts regarding grant implementation. We have now set a special Board of Architectural Review public meeting to discuss the project on August 31st at 6 pm.

### Liberty Ridge Subdivision Advancing

On August 4th, the Planning Commission conditionally approved the preliminary plat for Liberty Ridge Subdivision located on Lincoln Rd across from YCHS. The next step in this subdivision's development will be securing all regulatory approvals from SCDHEC, SCDOT, County, and others prior to the commencement of site work. We anticipate site work to begin later this Fall, a model home being built in late Spring 2021 and new homes after that.

Fomas LTD pulled a permit this week to add 3,750 sq. ft. to their facility at 500 Wallace Way. The expansion is necessary to meet increased demand and product development.

Yorkville Marketplace at 108 N. Congress St. is moving along quickly. The space is approximately 12,000 sq. ft. has seen lots of action lately with crews demolishing various parts of the inside of the building. A building permit was issued this week to allow the new owners to construct their vision of a thriving market in downtown York.

Lastly, the Planning Commission will meet in August to review two Planned Urban Developments (PUD) being considered off of Alexander Love Bypass. These two developments will add a mixture of residential and commercial units and will fuel additional growth to eastern York. More to come.

### Planning Commission to Discuss Annexation and PUD

The Planning Commission on recently (in-person) an application for annexation and Planned Urban Development (PUD). The project is called Fergus Crossroads and would be located off of Alexander Love Hwy near Cooperative Way. The developer recently came before Council to discuss the project. This project will likely come before Council in the next few months and will begin to alter the footprint of our City.



## PARKS & RECREATION

### City Park Progress

Construction at City Park continues. The park is slated to be completed in the next 6.5 weeks. Thanks to York County Planning Department, we have some great aerial shots of the park's construction.

Fall baseball and girls softball programs have begun practicing and are going well. Parents, coaches, and players are adjusting to our guidelines. Some parents have been confused that one parent per child at games and practices is strictly a recommendation and not a mandate to help reduce the number in attendance. Staff has texted, emailed, and posted everyone registered to remind them of our recommendations. Face masks are a directive from the Governor and AccerlateSC. We are pleased with the participation considering COVID.

### Infield Renovations

The four (4) infields at the Complex were renovated with 25 tons of infield clay mixture and compacted to provide better drainage and optimum playing surface. This should be done every 2-3 years to keep our fields in top shape from daily usage.

### Job Fair

Express Employment in Rock Hill will hold a drive-thru Job Fair at the York Recreation Center on Tuesday, September 15th, from 9:00 am – 12:00pm. They are a staffing agency that will focus on employment opportunities for folks from the York area that may have suffered from job losses due to COVID.

